

HOUSE BILL 2661  
By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 5 and Title 40, Chapter 39, Part 2, relative to the offense of statutory rape and aggravated statutory rape and the punishment for such offenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-506, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) Statutory rape is sexual penetration of a victim by the defendant or of the defendant by the victim when the victim is at least thirteen (13) but less than eighteen (18) years of age and the defendant is at least four (4) years but less than ten (10) years older than the victim.

(b) Aggravated statutory rape is sexual penetration of a victim by the defendant or of the defendant by the victim when the victim is at least thirteen (13) but less than eighteen (18) years of age and the defendant is at least ten (10) years older than the victim.

(c)

(1) Statutory rape is a Class E felony.

(2) Aggravated statutory rape is a Class C felony.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-39-202, is amended by adding the following new subdivision to item (25)

( ) Aggravated statutory rape under § 39-13-506(b);

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.